

**Solicitation Number: RFP #063020****CONTRACT**

This Contract is between Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 (Sourcewell) and Blue Bird Body Company, 3920 Arkwright Road Suite 200, Macon, GA 31210 (Vendor).

Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada.

Vendor desires to contract with Sourcewell to provide equipment, products, or services to Sourcewell and the entities that access Sourcewell's cooperative purchasing contracts (Participating Entities). Participating Entities will purchase Vendor's equipment, products, or services through an authorized independent dealer of Vendor's products ("Participating Dealer") who will sell to Participating Entities in accordance with this Contract and such additional terms and conditions as may be negotiated between the Participating Entities and the Participating Dealers (such terms and conditions may not be less favorable to the Participating Entity than this Contract and Vendor's Proposal).

1. TERM OF CONTRACT

- A. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Contract is effective upon the date of the final signature below.
- B. **EXPIRATION DATE AND EXTENSION.** This Contract expires August 15, 2024, unless it is cancelled sooner pursuant to Article 24. This Contract may be extended up to one additional one-year period upon request of Sourcewell and with written agreement by Vendor.
- C. **SURVIVAL OF TERMS.** Articles 11 through 16 survive the expiration or cancellation of this Contract.

2. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES

- A. **EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES.** Vendor's products and services will only be sold to Participating Entities by and through Participating Dealers. Participating Dealers will provide

the Equipment, Products, or Services as stated in its Proposal submitted under the Solicitation Number listed above. Vendor's Equipment, Products, or Services Proposal (Proposal) is attached and incorporated into this Contract.

All Equipment and Products provided under this Contract must be new/current model. Participating Dealers may offer close-out or refurbished Equipment or Products if they are clearly indicated in Participating Dealer's product and pricing list. Unless agreed to by the Participating Entities in advance, Equipment or Products must be delivered as operational to the Participating Entity's site by the Participating Dealer.

This Contract offers an indefinite quantity of sales, and while substantial volume is anticipated, sales and sales volume are not guaranteed.

B. **WARRANTY.** Vendor warrants its products to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service within the limits described in the Standard Warranty statement provided in the Request for Proposal ("RFP"). Participating Dealers must agree to assist the Participating Entity in reaching a resolution in any dispute over warranty terms with the manufacturer of the product or component. Any manufacturer's warranty that is effective past the expiration of the Vendor's warranty will be passed on to the Participating Entity.

C. **DEALERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND/OR RESELLERS.** Upon Contract execution, Vendor will make available to Sourcewell a means to validate or authenticate Vendor's authorized dealers, distributors, and/or resellers relative to the Equipment, Products, and Services related to this Contract. This list may be updated from time-to-time and is incorporated into this Contract by reference. It is the Vendor's responsibility to ensure Sourcewell receives the most current version of this list and it is understood that Products and Services under this Contract may be purchased only from and through Participating Dealers, and that Participating Entities will submit orders under this contract only to Participating Dealers.

3. PRICING

All Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract will be priced as stated in Vendor's Proposal.

When providing pricing quotes to Participating Entities, all pricing quoted must reflect a Participating Entity's total cost of acquisition. This means that the quoted cost is for delivered Equipment, Products, and Services that are operational for their intended purpose, and includes all costs to the Participating Entity's requested delivery location. Shipping costs and sales tax will be determined between Participating Entities and Participating Dealers and will be included in any pricing quote provided by a Participating Dealer.

Regardless of the payment method chosen by the Participating Entity, the total cost associated with any purchase option of the Equipment, Products, or Services must always be disclosed in the pricing quote to the applicable Participating Entity at the time of purchase.

A. DELIVERY AND INSPECTION. Participating Entities and Participating Dealers will determine the time, mode, and location for delivery and inspection of purchased Equipment and Products. The handling of any damage or defects noted by the Participating Entity either during or after the vehicle is delivered to the Participating Entity is the responsibility of the Participating Dealer. Any policy as it relates to returns and return shipping will be determined between the Participating Entity and the Participating Dealer. Regardless of any other agreement, the Vendor does not accept any returns of school buses.

The Participating Dealer has the responsibility to ensure that all Equipment, Products and Services sold under this Contract meet the Participating Entities specifications and/or specifications set by state and local governing bodies, or that exceptions to these specifications have been agreed upon in writing between the Participating Entity and the Participating Dealer. Sourcewell may declare the Vendor in breach of this Contract if the Vendor intentionally delivers substandard or inferior Equipment or Products to its Participating Dealers, who in turn provide the substandard or inferior Equipment or Products to Participating Entities in the same condition provided to it by Vendor.

B. SALES TAX. Each Participating Entity is responsible for supplying the Participating Dealer with valid tax-exemption certification(s). When ordering, a Participating Entity must indicate if it is a tax-exempt entity. Pricing provided in Vendor's Proposal does not include sales tax.

C. HOT LIST PRICING. At any time during this Contract, Participating Dealers may offer a specific selection of Equipment, Products, or Services at discounts greater than those listed in the Contract. When a Participating Dealer determines it will offer Hot List Pricing, it must be submitted electronically to Sourcewell by Vendor in a line-item format. Equipment, Products, or Services may be added or removed from the Hot List at any time through a Sourcewell Price and Product Change Form as defined in Article 4 below.

Hot List program and pricing may also be used to discount and liquidate close-out and discontinued Equipment and Products as long as those close-out and discontinued items are clearly identified as such. Current ordering process and administrative fees apply. Hot List Pricing must be published and made available to all Participating Entities. Discounts greater than those listed in the Contract may be available for quantity buys, off-peak season buys, or quotes that exceed base option content listed in the contract pricing. Any such discount will be offered by Participating Dealers on a case-by-case basis.

4. PRODUCT AND PRICING CHANGE REQUESTS

Vendor may request Equipment, Product, or Service changes, additions, or deletions at any time. All requests must be made in writing by submitting a signed Sourcewell Price and Product Change Request Form to the assigned Sourcewell Contract Administrator. This form is available from the assigned Sourcewell Contract Administrator. At a minimum, the request must:

- Identify the applicable Sourcewell contract number;
- Clearly specify the requested change;
- Provide sufficient detail to justify the requested change;
- Individually list all Equipment, Products, or Services affected by the requested change, along with the requested change (e.g., addition, deletion, price change); and
- Include a complete restatement of pricing documentation in Microsoft Excel with the effective date of the modified pricing, or product addition or deletion. The new pricing restatement must include all Equipment, Products, and Services offered, even for those items where pricing remains unchanged.

A fully executed Sourcewell Price and Product Request Form will become an amendment to this Contract and be incorporated by reference.

5. PARTICIPATION, CONTRACT ACCESS, AND PARTICIPATING ENTITY REQUIREMENTS

A. PARTICIPATION. Sourcewell's cooperative contracts are available and open to public and nonprofit entities across the United States and Canada; such as federal, state/province, municipal, K-12 and higher education, tribal government, and other public entities.

The benefits of this Contract should be available to all Participating Entities that can legally access the Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract through Participating Dealers. A Participating Entity's authority to access this Contract is determined through its cooperative purchasing, interlocal, or joint powers laws. Any entity accessing benefits of this Contract will be considered a Service Member of Sourcewell during such time of access. Vendor understands that a Participating Entity's use of this Contract is at the Participating Entity's sole convenience and Participating Entities reserve the right to obtain like Equipment, Products, or Services from any other source.

Vendor is responsible for familiarizing its sales and service forces with Sourcewell contract use eligibility requirements and documentation and will encourage potential participating entities to join Sourcewell. Sourcewell reserves the right to add and remove Participating Entities to its roster during the term of this Contract.

B. PUBLIC FACILITIES. Participating Dealer's employees may be required to perform work at government-owned facilities, including schools. Participating Dealer's employees and agents

must conduct themselves in a professional manner while on the premises, and in accordance with Participating Entity policies and procedures, and all applicable laws.

6. PARTICIPATING ENTITY USE AND PURCHASING

A. **ORDERS AND PAYMENT.** To access the contracted Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract, a Participating Entity must clearly indicate to the Participating Dealer that it intends to access this Contract; however, order flow and procedure will be developed jointly between Sourcewell, Vendor and Participating Dealers. Typically, a Participating Entity will issue an order directly to the Participating Dealer. If a Participating Entity issues a purchase order, it may use its own forms, but the purchase order should clearly note the applicable Sourcewell contract number. All Participating Entity orders under this Contract must be issued prior to expiration of this Contract; however, Vendor or Participating Dealer performance, Participating Entity payment, and any applicable warranty periods or other Vendor, Participating Dealer, or Participating Entity obligations may extend beyond the term of this Contract.

Acceptable forms of payment will be determined between Participating Dealer and Participating Entity. Participating Entities will be solely responsible for payment and Sourcewell will have no liability for any unpaid invoice of any Participating Entity.

B. **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS/PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM.** Additional terms and conditions to a purchase order may be negotiated between a Participating Entity, Participating Dealer and Vendor, such as job or industry-specific requirements, legal requirements (e.g., affirmative action or immigration status requirements), or specific local policy requirements. Some Participating Entities may require the use of a Participating Addendum; the terms of which will be worked out directly between the Participating Entity, Participating Dealer and the Vendor. Any negotiated additional terms and conditions must never be less favorable to the Participating Entity than what is contained in this Contract.

C. **PERFORMANCE BOND.** If requested by a Participating Entity, Participating Dealer will provide a performance bond that meets the requirements set forth in the Participating Entity's order. Vendor bears no liability for the Participating Dealer's performance bond and/or its decision to provide a performance bond.

D. **SPECIALIZED SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.** In the event that the Participating Entity requires service or specialized performance requirements (such as e-commerce specifications, specialized delivery requirements, or other specifications and requirements) not addressed in this Contract, the Participating Entity and the Participating Dealer may enter into a separate, standalone agreement, apart from this Contract. Sourcewell, Vendor, including their agents and employees, will not be made a party to a claim for breach of such agreement.

E. **TERMINATION OF ORDERS.** Participating Entities and Participating Dealers may enter into a mutual agreement regarding the circumstances under which an order may be terminated.

F. **GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE.** The governing law and venue for any action related to a Participating Entity's order will be determined by the Participating Entity making the purchase.

7. CUSTOMER SERVICE

A. **PRIMARY ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE.** Vendor will assign an Account Representative to Sourcwell for this Contract and must provide prompt notice to Sourcwell if that person is changed. The Account Representative will be responsible for:

- Maintenance and management of this Contract;
- Timely response to all Sourcwell and Participating Entity inquiries; and
- Business reviews to Sourcwell and Participating Entities, if applicable.

B. **BUSINESS REVIEWS.** Vendor must perform a minimum of one business review with Sourcwell per contract year. The business review will cover sales to Participating Entities by Participating Dealers, pricing and contract terms, administrative fees, supply issues, customer issues, and any other necessary information.

8. REPORT ON CONTRACT SALES ACTIVITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE PAYMENT

A. **CONTRACT SALES ACTIVITY REPORT.** Each calendar quarter, Vendor must provide a contract sales activity report (Report) to the Sourcwell Contract Administrator assigned to this Contract. A Report must be provided regardless of the number or amount of sales during that quarter (i.e., if there are no sales, Vendor must submit a report indicating no sales were made).

The Report must contain the following fields:

- Customer Name (e.g., City of Staples Highway Department);
- Customer Physical Street Address;
- Customer City;
- Customer State/Province;
- Customer Zip Code;
- Customer Contact Name;
- Customer Contact Email Address;
- Customer Contact Telephone Number;
- Sourcwell Assigned Entity/Participating Entity Number;
- Item Purchased Description;
- Item Purchased Price;

- Sourcwell Administrative Fee Applied; and
- Date Purchase was invoiced/sale was recognized as revenue by Vendor.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. In consideration for the support and services provided by Sourcwell, the Vendor will pay an administrative fee to Sourcwell on all Equipment, Products, and Services provided to Participating Entities by Participating Dealers. The Administrative Fee must be included in, and not added to, the pricing. Vendor or Participating Dealers may not charge Participating Entities more than the contracted price to offset the Administrative Fee.

The Vendor will submit a check payable to Sourcwell for the administrative fee stated in the Proposal multiplied by the total sales of all Equipment, Products, and Services purchased by Participating Entities under this Contract during each calendar quarter. Payments should note the Sourcwell-assigned contract number in the memo and must be mailed to the address above "Attn: Accounts Receivable." Payments must be received no later than 45 calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter.

Vendor agrees to cooperate with Sourcwell in auditing transactions under this Contract to ensure that the administrative fee is paid on all items purchased under this Contract.

In the event the Vendor is delinquent in any undisputed administrative fees, Sourcwell reserves the right to cancel this Contract and reject any proposal submitted by the Vendor in any subsequent solicitation. In the event this Contract is cancelled by either party prior to the Contract's expiration date, the administrative fee payment will be due no more than 30 days from the cancellation date.

9. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Sourcwell's Authorized Representative is its Chief Procurement Officer.

Vendor's Authorized Representative is the person named in the Vendor's Proposal. If Vendor's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this Contract, Vendor must promptly notify Sourcwell in writing.

10. ASSIGNMENT, AMENDMENTS, WAIVER, AND CONTRACT COMPLETE

A. ASSIGNMENT. Neither the Vendor nor Sourcwell may assign or transfer any rights or obligations under this Contract without the prior consent of the other and a fully executed assignment agreement. Such consent will not be unreasonably withheld.

B. AMENDMENTS. Any amendment to this Contract must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been fully executed by Sourcwell and Vendor.

C. **WAIVER.** If either Sourcewell or Vendor fails to enforce any provision of this Contract, that failure does not waive the provision or the right to enforce it.

D. **CONTRACT COMPLETE.** This Contract (including all attachments and amendments) contains all negotiations and agreements between Sourcewell and Vendor. No other understanding regarding this Contract, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

E. **RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES.** The relationship of Sourcewell and Vendor is one of independent contractors, each free to exercise judgment and discretion with regard to the conduct of their respective businesses. This Contract does not create a partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship such as master-servant, or principal-agent.

11. LIABILITY

Vendor must indemnify, save, and hold Sourcewell and its Participating Entities, including their agents and employees, harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorneys' fees, arising out of any manufacturing or design defect that existed when the Product left Vendor's possession; this indemnification includes injury or death to person(s) or property alleged to have been caused by some defect in the Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract to the extent the Equipment, Product, or Service has been used according to its specifications and to the extent the manufacturing or design defect existed when the Equipment or Product left Vendor's possession.

12. AUDITS

Sourcewell reserves the right to review the books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Vendor relevant to this Contract for a minimum of 6 years from the end of this Contract. This clause extends to Participating Entities as it relates to business conducted by that Participating Entity under this Contract.

13. GOVERNMENT DATA PRACTICES

Vendor and Sourcewell must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as it applies to all data provided by or provided to Sourcewell under this Contract and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Vendor under this Contract.

If the Vendor receives a request to release the data referred to in this article, the Vendor must immediately notify Sourcewell and Sourcewell will assist with how the Vendor should respond to the request.

14. INDEMNIFICATION

As applicable, Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Sourcewell and its Participating Entities against any and all suits, claims, judgments, and costs instituted or recovered against Sourcewell or Participating Entities by any person on account of the use of any Equipment or Products by Sourcewell or its Participating Entities supplied by Vendor in violation of applicable patent or copyright laws.

15. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, PUBLICITY, MARKETING, AND ENDORSEMENT

A. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

1. *Grant of License.* During the term of this Contract:
 - a. Sourcewell grants to Vendor a royalty-free, worldwide, non-exclusive right and license to use the Trademark(s) provided to Vendor by Sourcewell in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing Sourcewell's relationship with Vendor.
 - b. Vendor grants to Sourcewell a royalty-free, worldwide, non-exclusive right and license to use Vendor's Trademarks in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing Vendor's relationship with Sourcewell.
2. *Limited Right of Sublicense.* The right and license granted herein includes a limited right of each party to grant sublicenses to its and their respective distributors, marketing representatives, and agents (collectively "Permitted Sublicensees") in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing Sourcewell and Vendor's relationship to Participating Entities. Any sublicense granted will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Article. Each party will be responsible for any breach of this Article by any of their respective sublicensees.
3. *Use; Quality Control.*
 - a. Sourcewell must not alter Vendor's Trademarks from the form provided by Vendor and must comply with Vendor's removal requests as to specific uses of its trademarks or logos.
 - b. Vendor must not alter Sourcewell's Trademarks from the form provided by Sourcewell and must comply with Sourcewell's removal requests as to specific uses of its trademarks or logos.
 - c. Each party agrees to use, and to cause its Permitted Sublicensees to use, the other party's Trademarks only in good faith and in a dignified manner consistent with such party's use of the Trademarks. Upon written notice to the breaching party, the breaching party has 30 days of the date of the written notice to cure the breach or the license will be terminated.
 - d. Any use of Sourcewell's Intellectual Property by Participating Dealers as described herein must be negotiated between the Participating Dealer and Sourcewell. Vendor bears no responsibility for the act or failure to act of Participating Dealers with respect to Sourcewell's Intellectual Property.

4. *Termination.* Upon the termination of this Contract for any reason, each party, including Permitted Sublicensees, will have 30 days to remove all Trademarks from signage, websites, and the like bearing the other party's name or logo (excepting Sourcewell's pre-printed catalog of vendors which may be used until the next printing). Vendor must return all marketing and promotional materials, including signage, provided by Sourcewell, or dispose of it according to Sourcewell's written directions.

B. **PUBLICITY.** Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this Contract must not be released without prior written approval from the Authorized Representatives. Publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Vendor individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this Contract.

C. **MARKETING.** Any direct advertising, marketing, or offers with Participating Entities must be approved by Sourcewell. Materials should be sent to the Sourcewell Contract Administrator assigned to this Contract.

D. **ENDORSEMENT.** The Vendor must not claim that Sourcewell endorses its Equipment, Products, or Services.

16. GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

Minnesota law governs this Contract. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this Contract, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state court in Todd County or federal court in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

17. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party to this Contract will be held responsible for delay or default caused by acts of God or other conditions that are beyond that party's reasonable control. A party defaulting under this provision must provide the other party prompt written notice of the default.

18. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Contract is found to be illegal, unenforceable, or void then both Sourcewell and Vendor will be relieved of all obligations arising under such provisions. If the remainder of this Contract is capable of performance, it will not be affected by such declaration or finding and must be fully performed.

19. PERFORMANCE, DEFAULT, AND REMEDIES

A. **PERFORMANCE.** During the term of this Contract, Sourcewell and Vendor will monitor performance and address unresolved contract issues as follows:

1. *Notification.* Sourcewell and Vendor must promptly notify each other of any known dispute with the terms or performance of this Contract and work in good faith to resolve such dispute between Sourcewell and Vendor within a reasonable period of time. If necessary, Sourcewell and the Vendor will jointly develop a short briefing document that describes the issue(s), relevant impact, and positions of both parties.
2. *Escalation.* If Sourcewell and Vendor are unable to resolve the issue in a timely manner, as specified above, either Sourcewell or Vendor may escalate the resolution of the issue to a higher level of management. The Vendor will have 30 calendar days to cure an outstanding issue.
3. *Performance while Dispute is Pending.* Notwithstanding the existence of a dispute, the Vendor must continue without delay to carry out all of its responsibilities under the Contract that are not affected by the dispute. If the Vendor fails to continue without delay to perform its responsibilities under the Contract, in the accomplishment of all undisputed work, any additional costs incurred by Sourcewell and/or its Participating Entities as a result of such failure to proceed will be borne by the Vendor.
4. *Participating Dealer.* The provisions of this section apply only to Sourcewell and Vendor. Any dispute between any Participating Entity and any Participating Dealer must be resolved between the Participating Entity and the Participating Dealer. Vendor shall not be held liable for a Participating Dealer's failure to perform in accordance with a Purchase Order or other directive from a Participating Entity.

B. **DEFAULT AND REMEDIES.** Either of the following constitutes cause to declare this Contract, or any Participating Entity order under this Contract, in default:

1. Nonperformance of contractual requirements, or
2. A material breach of any term or condition of this Contract.

Written notice of default and a reasonable opportunity to cure must be issued by the party claiming default. Time allowed for cure will not diminish or eliminate any liability for liquidated or other damages. If the default remains after the opportunity for cure, the non-defaulting party may:

- Exercise any remedy provided by law or equity, or
- Terminate the Contract or any portion thereof, including any orders issued against the Contract.

20. INSURANCE

A. **REQUIREMENTS.** At its own expense, Vendor must maintain insurance policy(ies) in effect at all times during the performance of this Contract with insurance company(ies) licensed or authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota having an "AM BEST" rating of A- or better, with coverage and limits of insurance not less than the following:

1. *Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability.*

Workers' Compensation: As required by any applicable law or regulation.

Employer's Liability Insurance: must be provided in amounts not less than listed below:

Minimum limits:

\$500,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident

\$500,000 policy limit for bodily injury by disease

\$500,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease

2. *Commercial General Liability Insurance.* Vendor will maintain insurance covering its operations, with coverage on an occurrence basis, and must be subject to terms no less broad than the Insurance Services Office ("ISO") Commercial General Liability Form CG0001 (2001 or newer edition), or equivalent. At a minimum, coverage must include liability arising from premises, operations, bodily injury and property damage, independent contractors, products-completed operations including construction defect, contractual liability, blanket contractual liability, and personal injury and advertising injury. All required limits, terms and conditions of coverage must be maintained during the term of this Contract.

Minimum Limits:

\$1,000,000 each occurrence Bodily Injury and Property Damage

\$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury

\$2,000,000 aggregate for Products-Completed operations

\$2,000,000 general aggregate

3. *Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance.* During the term of this Contract, Vendor will maintain insurance covering all owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles in limits of liability not less than indicated below. The coverage must be subject to terms no less broad than ISO Business Auto Coverage Form CA 0001 (2010 edition or newer), or equivalent.

Minimum Limits:

\$1,000,000 each accident, combined single limit

4. *Umbrella Insurance.* During the term of this Contract, Vendor will maintain umbrella coverage over Workers' Compensation, Commercial General Liability, and Commercial Automobile.

Minimum Limits:

\$2,000,000

Failure of Vendor to maintain the required insurance will constitute a material breach entitling Sourcwell to immediately terminate this Contract for default.

B. CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE. Prior to commencing under this Contract, Vendor must furnish to Sourcwell a certificate of insurance, as evidence of the insurance required under this

Contract. Prior to expiration of the policy(ies), renewal certificates must be mailed to Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 or sent to the Sourcewell Contract Administrator assigned to this Contract. The certificates must be signed by a person authorized by the insurer(s) to bind coverage on their behalf.

Failure to request certificates of insurance by Sourcewell, or failure of Vendor to provide certificates of insurance, in no way limits or relieves Vendor of its duties and responsibilities in this Contract.

C. Intentionally Omitted.

D. Intentionally Omitted.

E. UMBRELLA/EXCESS LIABILITY. The limits required by this Contract can be met by either providing a primary policy or in combination with umbrella/excess liability policy(ies), or self-insured retention.

21. COMPLIANCE

A. LAWS AND REGULATIONS. All Equipment, Products, or Services provided under this Contract must comply fully with applicable federal laws and regulations, and with the laws in the states and provinces in which the Equipment, Products, or Services are sold.

B. LICENSES. Vendor must maintain a valid and current status on all required federal, state/provincial, and local licenses, bonds, and permits required for the operation of the business that the Vendor conducts with Sourcewell and Participating Entities.

22. BANKRUPTCY, DEBARMENT, OR SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

Vendor certifies and warrants that it is not in bankruptcy or that it has previously disclosed in writing certain information to Sourcewell related to bankruptcy actions. If at any time during this Contract Vendor declares bankruptcy, Vendor must immediately notify Sourcewell in writing.

Vendor certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from programs operated by the State of Minnesota; the United States federal government or the Canadian government, as applicable; or any Participating Entity. Vendor certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals have been convicted of a criminal offense related to the subject matter of this Contract. Vendor further warrants that it will provide immediate written notice to Sourcewell if this certification changes at any time.

23. PROVISIONS FOR NON-UNITED STATES FEDERAL ENTITY PROCUREMENTS UNDER UNITED STATES FEDERAL AWARDS OR OTHER AWARDS

Participating Entities that use United States federal grant or FEMA funds to purchase goods or services from this Contract may be subject to additional requirements including the procurement standards of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. § 200. Participating Entities may also require additional requirements of Participating Dealers based on specific funding specifications. Participating Entities will work with Participating Dealers if additional specific funding specifications are required. Within this Article, all references to “federal” should be interpreted to mean the United States federal government. The following list only applies when a Participating Entity accesses Vendor’s Equipment, Products, or Services sold through and by Participating Dealers with United States federal funds. Participating Entities will ensure that Participating Dealers are in compliance with the following provisions, when applicable, and it is not Vendor’s responsibility to ensure that Participating Dealers are in compliance with any such provision.

A. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.** Except as otherwise provided under 41 C.F.R. § 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 C.F.R. §60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 C.F.R. §, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 C.F.R. § 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.” The equal opportunity clause is incorporated herein by reference.

B. **DAVIS-BACON ACT, AS AMENDED (40 U.S.C. § 3141-3148).** When required by federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. § 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that

each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the federal awarding agency. Vendor must be in compliance with all applicable Davis-Bacon Act provisions.

C. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT (40 U.S.C. § 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 5). Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence. This provision is hereby incorporated by reference into this Contract. Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Sourcewell resulting from this procurement process, Vendor must comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

D. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT. If the federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 C.F.R. § 401.2(a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency. Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Sourcewell resulting from this procurement process, Vendor must comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

E. CLEAN AIR ACT (42 U.S.C. § 7401-7671Q.) AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (33 U.S.C. § 1251-1387). Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 require the non-federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401- 7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. § 1251- 1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Vendor certifies that during the term of this Contract will comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

F. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (EXECUTIVE ORDERS 12549 AND 12689). A contract award (see 2 C.F.R. § 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. §180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 C.F.R. § 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R. § 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. Vendor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation by any federal department or agency.

G. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT, AS AMENDED (31 U.S.C. § 1352). Vendors must file any required certifications. Vendors must not have used federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Vendors must disclose any lobbying with non-federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-federal award. Vendors must file all certifications and disclosures required by, and otherwise comply with, the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. § 1352).

H. RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS. To the extent applicable, Vendor must comply with the record retention requirements detailed in 2 C.F.R. § 200.333. The Vendor further certifies that it will retain all records as required by 2 C.F.R. § 200.333 for a period of 3 years after grantees or subgrantees submit final expenditure reports or quarterly or annual financial reports, as applicable, and all other pending matters are closed.

I. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT COMPLIANCE. To the extent applicable, Vendor must comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

J. BUY AMERICAN PROVISIONS COMPLIANCE. To the extent applicable, Vendor must comply with all applicable provisions of the Buy American Act. Purchases made in accordance with the Buy American Act must follow the applicable procurement rules calling for free and open competition.

K. ACCESS TO RECORDS (2 C.F.R. § 200.336). Vendor agrees that duly authorized representatives of a federal agency must have access to any books, documents, papers and records of Vendor that are directly pertinent to Vendor's discharge of its obligations under this Contract for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The right

also includes timely and reasonable access to Vendor’s personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion relating to such documents.

L. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS (2 C.F.R. § 200.322). A non-federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. § 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

24. CANCELLATION

Sourcewell or Vendor may cancel this Contract at any time, with or without cause, upon 60 days’ written notice to the other party. However, Sourcewell may cancel this Contract immediately upon discovery of a material defect in any certification made in Vendor’s Proposal. Cancellation of this Contract does not relieve either party of financial, product, or service obligations incurred or accrued prior to cancellation.

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Specifications

Table 1: Proposer Identity & Authorized Representatives

General Instructions (applies to all Tables) Sourcewell prefers a brief but thorough response to each question. Please do not merely attach additional documents to your response without also providing a substantive response. Do not leave answers blank; mark "NA" if the question does not apply to you (preferably with an explanation).

Line Item	Question	Response *
1	Proposer Legal Name (and applicable d/b/a, if any):	Blue Bird Body Company
2	Proposer Address:	3920 Arkwright Road, Suite 200 Macon, GA 31210
3	Proposer website address:	www.blue-bird.com
4	Proposer's Authorized Representative (name, title, address, email address & phone) (The representative must have authority to sign the "Proposer's Assurance of Compliance" on behalf of the Proposer and, in the event of award, will be expected to execute the resulting contract):	Albert Burleigh Regional Executive Director 3920 Arkwright Road, Suite 200, Macon GA 31210 albert.burleigh@blue-bird.com (478) 919-7311
5	Proposer's primary contact for this proposal (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Albert Burleigh Regional Executive Director 3920 Arkwright Road, Suite 200, Macon GA 31210 albert.burleigh@blue-bird.com (478) 919-7311
6	Proposer's other contacts for this proposal, if any (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Tim Gordon Regional Executive Director 3920 Arkwright Road, Suite 200, Macon GA 31210 tim.gordon@blue-bird.com (478) 822-2260

Table 2: Company Information and Financial Strength

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7	Provide a brief history of your company, including your company's core values, business philosophy, and industry longevity related to the requested equipment, products or services.	<p>Blue Bird Corporation has been servicing the school and activity bus industry since 1927. The company was founded by George Luce and his goal for the first bus designed and built was to "build a better bus" and we hold that focus still today. The Luce family managed and operated the business until the early 90's. Since that time, Blue Bird has gone through three ownership changes that were either private equity or a combination of private equity and public ownership as a division of Henly's Group and traded on the London Exchange. In February of 2015, Blue Bird filed an initial public offering on NASDAQ and is publicly traded under the symbol BLBD.</p> <p>We come to work every day with one common goal, to design, build, sell and service the world's finest school bus. That's what we do - no distractions, no competing priorities. We are heirs to a rich legacy, one of listening to our customers, embracing their needs, and delivering innovations that lead the market.</p> <p>We commit ourselves to four driving priorities - safety, quality, durability, and serviceability. We embody the interests of every child that rides us, every driver that drives us, every service technician that services us and every district that buys us. More than a business, this work is our heritage, and we have been at it since 1927 - that's purpose driven.</p> <p>We are singularly focused on building and selling school buses that customers want and value. The safety of schoolchildren is at the center of all that we do and we will strive every day, just as we have since our beginning in 1927, to provide an unparalleled and affordable product in terms of safety, quality, durability, and serviceability.</p> <p>We will be easy to do business with, responsive to our customers' wants and needs, and provide prompt after-sale support in parts and service through a professional, high-qualified distribution network. Customer satisfaction is our top priority.</p>
8	What are your company's expectations in the event of an award?	<p>To make bus purchases easier for school districts Nationwide and bring value from this RFP to participating entities. We will promote this contract as described in our marketing plan and will strive to increase awareness of the Sourcwell contract, grow dealer participation, and increase sales through the use of the contract.</p>
9	Demonstrate your financial strength and stability with meaningful data. This could include such items as financial statements, SEC filings, credit and bond ratings, letters of credit, and detailed reference letters. Upload supporting documents (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	<p>Our 2019 Annual Report has been provided in the document upload section to support the below financial summary.</p> <p>We ended the decade with our best financial performance in more than ten years and are positioned well for future growth. Our fiscal 2019 adjusted EBITDA of \$82 million was 17% above last year and our net sales revenue exceeded \$1 billion for the second consecutive year, setting an all-time record for Blue Bird. We sold more than 11,000 buses for the second year in a row and we grew our alternative-fuel bus sales by more than 20% in a strong, but flat industry.</p>
10	What is your US market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	<p>Our 2019 fiscal year end US market share for school and activity buses is 33.1%</p>
11	What is your Canadian market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	<p>Our 2019 fiscal year end Canadian market share for school and activity buses is 15.8%</p>
12	Has your business ever petitioned for bankruptcy protection? If so, explain in detail.	<p>In January 2006, Blue Bird filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. This was a pre-packaged court filing to strengthen our balance sheet through a debt-for-equity conversion plan. The restructuring of our debt provided for a full recovery to the company's general unsecured creditors.</p>

13	<p>How is your organization best described: is it a manufacturer, a distributor/dealer/reseller, or a service provider? Answer whichever question (either a) or b) just below) best applies to your organization.</p> <p>a) If your company is best described as a distributor/dealer/reseller (or similar entity), provide your written authorization to act as a distributor/dealer/reseller for the manufacturer of the products proposed in this RFP. If applicable, is your dealer network independent or company owned?</p> <p>b) If your company is best described as a manufacturer or service provider, describe your relationship with your sales and service force and with your dealer network in delivering the products and services proposed in this RFP. Are these individuals your employees, or the employees of a third party?</p>	<p>b) Blue Bird is a manufacturer of school buses. In fiscal 2019, we sold approximately 90% of our vehicles through our United States and Canadian dealer network, currently consisting of 47 dealers that, in their territories, are exclusive to us with Type C and D school buses. School buses sold in the United States and Canada through our dealer network are purchased by school districts and private schools, as well as small and medium size contractors that provide services to school districts on a fee basis. Dealers develop collaborative relationships with school districts, district transportation directors, and key officials in their states.</p> <p>Blue Bird has a long history of going to market with the best dealer network in the industry. Although Blue Bird is involved with the customer experience included but not limited to sales, service, and support, the dealers have the day to day responsibility and relationship.</p> <p>The dealer network is a third party and independent businesses with a contractual obligation to Blue Bird and vice versa.</p>
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14	<p>If applicable, provide a detailed explanation outlining the licenses and certifications that are both required to be held, and actually held, by your organization (including third parties and subcontractors that you use) in pursuit of the business contemplated by this RFP.</p>	<p>Our products must satisfy various legal, environmental, health and safety requirements at federal, state and municipal levels. At the federal level, "FMVSS," or Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, govern the safety of all motor vehicles sold for use in the United States. More than half of the FMVSS regulations apply to school buses. For example, federal regulations require school buses to be painted "school bus yellow" and to be equipped with specific warning and safety devices. School buses are also built with the body on top of chassis frame rails. This so-called "high floor" construction moves the passenger compartment above the typical automotive "crash zone" and therefore provides an added measure of safety should a collision occur. Steel rollover cages and heavy duty bumpers are designed to provide incremental protection, in contrast with standard transit buses with "low floor" construction that offer lower curb height access with limited or no steel reinforcement.</p> <p>All completed vehicles manufactured by Blue Bird Body Company for use in the United States are manufactured in full compliance with all applicable U. S. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) in effect at the time of manufacture completion.</p> <p>Per U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Title 49, Subtitle B, Chapter V, Part 567 Certification, the U. S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) requires that each vehicle manufacturer self-certify their vehicles to be in full compliance with all applicable FMVSS as evidenced by the presence of the compliance label which must comply with their (NHTSA) content requirements. An FMVSS compliance letter is provided in the document upload section.</p> <p>After a school bus is sold, regulation of the operation of the school bus becomes the responsibility of the state in which it operates. Today, each state has its own rules and regulations pertaining to the manufacture, design, operation and safety of the school buses operated in their jurisdictions. As a result, we cannot manufacture to a single set of specifications, but rather must assure that each manufactured bus conforms to the specifications of the particular jurisdiction in which it will be operated.</p> <p>Blue Bird is licensed in each state we operate as required by state law and each dealer holds the normal business licenses and motor vehicle dealer license from their respective State(s) as required. Many of our dealers are also licensed service and warranty repair locations for major suppliers such as Caterpillar, Cummins, Allison, and Ford. These businesses are bonded and insured.</p> <p>We must also consider the rules and regulations of foreign jurisdictions. In Canada, where our Micro Bird joint venture operates, school buses are governed by the Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations. These regulations are patterned after the FMVSS regulations, although differences do exist between the two regulatory systems.</p>
15	<p>Provide all "Suspension or Debarment" information that has applied to your organization during the past ten years.</p>	<p>This has not applied to our company</p>

Table 3: Industry Recognition & Marketplace Success

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16	Describe any relevant industry awards or recognition that your company has received in the past five years	<p>Blue Bird has a reputation for safety, product quality/reliability/durability, and drivability: Our longevity and reputation in the school bus industry have made us an iconic American brand. We are the only principal manufacturer with chassis and body production specifically designed for school bus applications and the only school bus company to offer compliance with industry recognized safety tests-Altoona Testing, Colorado Rack Test and the Kentucky Pole Test-as a standard specification across our entire product line.</p> <p>Alternative fuel leadership: We are the market leader in propane, gasoline, and CNG fuel powered-buses, having sold approximately eight times more alternative fuel school buses than all of our competitors combined from fiscal 2010 through fiscal 2019. In fiscal 2019 we sold 5,343 propane, gasoline, CNG, and electric powered buses, an increase of 20.7% versus the prior year.</p> <p>Innovative product leadership: We have consistently led the school bus industry with innovative product leadership through several industry firsts, including the first Type D CNG school bus, the first unique school bus chassis, and the first OEM-manufactured propane bus. In fiscal 2016, years ahead of our competition, we launched the industry's first gasoline powered Type C bus (utilizing an exclusive Ford and Roush CleanTech powertrain), and we were first-to-market with Electronic Stability Control. Also in 2016, we launched a new CNG product using a Ford engine and transmission and a Roush Clean Tech fuel delivery system to provide CNG in a Type C bus. In fiscal 2018, we sold our first Type D electric vehicles and in fiscal 2019 we introduced our Type C electric vehicle.</p> <p>Strong distribution model. We have built an extensive, experienced network of 47 dealers to distribute our buses across the United States and Canada, and during recent years have significantly enhanced our relationships with large fleet operators. Our dealers have an average tenure of more than 29 years with us and do not sell competing Type C or Type D school bus products in the areas assigned to them by us.</p> <p>Highly-skilled and committed workforce: We benefit from a highly-skilled, committed hourly workforce of approximately 1,853 that support our customized assembly operations at our 900,000 square foot integrated chassis manufacturing and body assembly facility and 340,000 square foot component fabrication facility. Our employees are trained to maximize production efficiency by following customized processes developed by us.</p> <p>Excellence in marketing and promotion of our products: Our recent ad campaign in School Transportation News was the #1, top-rated advertisement in the magazine: https://www.dropbox.com/s/q4ypgb2rwn6clpq/Blue_Bird_Award_S_TN_March_2020.pdf?dl=0</p>
17	What percentage of your sales are to the governmental sector in the past three years	Approximately 2%
18	What percentage of your sales are to the education sector in the past three years	96% which consists of sales to school districts and bus contractors that service school districts
19	List any state, provincial, or cooperative purchasing contracts that you hold. What is the annual sales volume for each of these contracts over the past three years?	With the exception of the current Sourcewell contract, we do not hold any state, provincial, or cooperative purchasing contracts directly. Throughout the U.S. and Canada, our dealer network holds in total over 20 contracts. Our sales utilizing the Sourcewell contract was approximately 365 units from 2017-2019.

20	List any GSA contracts or Standing Offers and Supply Arrangements (SOSA) that you hold. What is the annual sales volume for each of these contracts over the past three years?	GSA contract # GS-30F-DA017. We sell buses through our United States General Services Administration ("GSA") contract, an expedited procurement procedure designed to meet the needs of bus customers authorized to purchase through the GSA contracting offices, including the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Volume over last 3 years was approximately 850 units.	*
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Table 4: References/Testimonials

Line Item 21. Supply reference information from three customers who are eligible to be Sourcewell participating entities.

Entity Name *	Contact Name *	Phone Number *	
Mobile County Public Schools (AL)	Pat Mitchell	(251) 221-5260	*
Independence School District (MO)	Daryl Huddleston	(816) 525-5335	*
BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 49-2 (SD)	Wayne Hampton	(605) 582-3514	*
BROOKINGS SCHOOL DISRICT (SD)	Bill Heldt	605-696-4750	

Table 5: Top Five Government or Education Customers

Line Item 22. Provide a list of your top five government, education, or non-profit customers (entity name is optional), including entity type, the state or province the entity is located in, scope of the project(s), size of transaction(s), and dollar volumes from the past three years.

Entity Name	Entity Type *	State / Province *	Scope of Work *	Size of Transactions *	Dollar Volume Past Three Years *	
GSA	Government	Georgia - GA	GSA contract # GS-30F-DA017	850 units	\$90M	*
Northwest Independent School District	Education	Texas - TX	RFP	205 units	\$16.7M	*
Clark County School District	Education	Nevada - NV	RFP	300 units	\$28M	*
Fulton County School District	Education	Georgia - GA	RFP	164 units	\$13.4M	*
Pflugerville Independent School District	Education	Texas - TX	RFP	154 units	\$12.3M	*

Table 6: Ability to Sell and Deliver Service

Describe your company's capability to meet the needs of Sourcewell participating entities across the US and Canada, as applicable. Your response should address in detail at least the following areas: locations of your network of sales and service providers, the number of workers (full-time equivalents) involved in each sector, whether these workers are your direct employees (or employees of a third party), and any overlap between the sales and service functions.

Line Item	Question	Response *	
23	Sales force.	Blue Bird sells and services product through a network of dealers. Blue Bird supports that network with Regional Sales, Service, and Parts Managers that live in the territory they represent. Our dealer network in total has approximately 160 sales representatives that are responsible for school bus sales in their respective territories.	*

24	Dealer network or other distribution methods.	We have built an extensive, experienced network of 47 dealers to distribute our buses across the United States and Canada. Our dealers have an average tenure of more than 29 years with us and do not sell competing Type C or Type D school bus products in the areas assigned to them by us. In addition, our dealers have approximately 100 parts and service locations across the U.S. and Canada, as well as relationships with approximately 250 additional 3rd party service provider partners to provide extensive warranty service coverage in all markets.	*
25	Service force.	Through our dealer's service network, there are over 600 qualified technicians to meet the warranty and retail service needs of our customers.	*
26	Describe in detail the process and procedure of your customer service program, if applicable. Include your response-time capabilities and commitments, as well as any incentives that help your providers meet your stated service goals or promises.	<p>Our 47 dealers have approximately 100 parts and service locations across the U.S. and Canada, as well as relationships with approximately 250 additional 3rd party service provider partners to provide extensive warranty service coverage in all markets. In addition, many of these service locations have mobile service capabilities to improve the response time and added convenience for our customers. Blue Bird field service engineers provide technical support to our dealer network. At the end of fiscal 2019, service engineers had an average of over 25 years of experience with our Company and are strategically placed throughout the United States and Canada to better serve both dealers and end-customers. The network leverages our parts inventory, technical training, and online warranty network to address customer service needs.</p> <p>We maintain a parts distribution center in Delaware, Ohio that fills demand for our Company specific and all-makes parts. Additional demand for parts is fulfilled by drop ship and direct sales. To fulfill demand for parts that are not maintained at the distribution center, we are linked to approximately 40 suppliers that ship directly to dealers and independent service centers.</p> <p>This level of support positions us as the school bus industry experts which furthers our ability to be responsive to our customers parts and service needs.</p> <p>We contract with a 3rd party survey company, The Daniels Group, to monitor our customers' satisfaction with the quality of our products and satisfaction with the performance of our dealer network. We monitor customer responses weekly to ensure we are managing and targeting improvements to our products and dealer network.</p>	*
27	Identify your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in the United States.	Our goal is to provide our products to all participating entities by encouraging our U.S. dealer network to participate and actively pursue sales through the Sourcewell contract. With this bid submission, we'll have dealers participating in 37 states. Our goal is to continue to work with the remaining dealers to offer our products to all participating entities in all markets where the contract is allowed.	*
28	Identify your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in Canada.	Our goal is to provide our products to all participating entities by encouraging our dealer network in Canada to participate and actively pursue sales through the Sourcewell contract. With this bid submission, we'll have one dealer participating in 2 provinces and 2 territories. Our goal is to continue to work with the remaining dealers to offer our products to all participating entities in all markets where the contract is allowed.	*

29	Identify any geographic areas of the United States or Canada that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract.	<p>We currently do not have participation from our dealer network in the below states/provinces. If awarded the contract, we will continue to work with our dealers to encourage participation so we can offer our products to all participating entities where the Sourcewell contract is allowed.</p> <p>Currently not participating in the following Canadian Provinces: Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland & Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan *</p> <p>Currently not participating in the following U.S. states: Maine, Alaska, Wyoming, Iowa, California, Hawaii, Arizona, North Carolina, Mississippi, New York, Arkansas, West Virginia, and Kentucky</p>
30	Identify any Sourcewell participating entity sectors (i.e., government, education, not-for-profit) that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract. Explain in detail. For example, does your company have only a regional presence, or do other cooperative purchasing contracts limit your ability to promote another contract?	<p>Our existing GSA contract will take precedent as the means for the government to purchase our products. *</p>
31	Define any specific contract requirements or restrictions that would apply to our participating entities in Hawaii and Alaska and in US Territories.	<p>As of this bid submission, we do not have dealer representation in Alaska. When a new dealer is signed, it is our intent to offer our products to participating entities. Currently, our dealer who covers the state of Hawaii is not participating. We will continue to work with our dealer to encourage them to participate. *</p>

Table 7: Marketing Plan

Line Item	Question	Response *
32	Describe your marketing strategy for promoting this contract opportunity. Upload representative samples of your marketing materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	<p>In addition to communicating to all dealers through our formal dealer communication process, we plan to announce the contract award through our website and social media platforms. Also, we will encourage all participating dealers to promote their participation through their various communication channels and at local trade shows. In conjunction with Sourcewell, we will provide training to our Regional Sales Managers as well as dealer sales personnel on how to effectively promote the benefits of the Sourcewell contract to their customers.</p> <p>In addition, we will seek out opportunities to partner with other Sourcewell-approved vendors to further improve the value-proposition offered to the Participating Entities. For example, we recently partnered with NCL Government Capital (Sourcewell vendor) to offer a 12-month deferred payment program for our customers. We've included a jointly-developed marketing flyer in the document upload section.</p> <p>Examples of other marketing materials have been provided in the document upload section as well.</p>
33	Describe your use of technology and digital data (e.g., social media, metadata usage) to enhance marketing effectiveness.	Our social media presence is, by far, the most popular in our industry. With nearly 50,000 "likes", we have 5 times more followers than our top competitors. Plus, we have a presence on Twitter and LinkedIn. We utilize these digital platforms to bring customers back to our website, www.bluebird.com, and use our Request a Quote form as a measure of success for sales through digital means. We also regularly present digital advertising "whitepapers" through School Bus Fleet magazine's website and School Transportation News' website.
34	In your view, what is Sourcewell's role in promoting contracts arising out of this RFP? How will you integrate a Sourcewell-awarded contract into your sales process?	We would recommend the use of Sourcewell's website for marketing our partnership. We would request that Sourcewell provide sales training to our Regional Sales Managers and participating dealer sales teams to understand how promote the benefits of this contract to participating entities.
35	Are your products or services available through an e-procurement ordering process? If so, describe your e-procurement system and how governmental and educational customers have used it.	Our products are sold through our dealer network. The availability of e-procurement ordering process can be discussed between a Participating Entity and the Participating Dealer.

Table 8: Value-Added Attributes

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36	Describe any product, equipment, maintenance, or operator training programs that you offer to Sourcewell participating entities. Include details, such as whether training is standard or optional, who provides training, and any costs that apply.	<p>In addition to any training available through our dealer network or training coordinated through many of our supplier partners, our Blue Bird Academy also offers web-based, video tutorials, and factory-based training for our customers.</p> <p>Technician Training -Blue Bird Academy offers three types of technician training:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We recently launched our online Blue Bird Technician Certification program and this is open to all technicians: dealer and customer.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Associate Level: 100% web-based - \$650/person- Advanced Level: Live training sessions in Fort Valley, GA or regionally, followed up by online courses for real world application of the knowledge and skills learned in the previous level and workshop – Price TBD- Master Level: Hands-on Factory-based proficiency observation of skills learned through online and live training sessions – Price TBD2. We also offer factory-based and regional training throughout the year which are typically 4-days in length. When held at the factory location in Fort Valley, a plant tour is included. The cost for this varies depending on location.3. We also will provide on-site service training at a customer's location, by request. The cost for that is based on travel expenses for our trainer.
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37	Describe any technological advances that your proposed products or services offer.	<p>Our performance in recent years has been driven by the implementation of repeatable processes focused on product initiatives, continuous improvement of both competitiveness and manufacturing flexibility, as described below:</p> <p>1. Alternative Fuel Initiatives — Blue Bird is the clear leader in alternative fuel school buses (defined as buses that do not operate on diesel fuel) and we continue to introduce new products to support growing consumer demand for these products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propane — In 2012, we entered into our exclusive relationship with Ford Motor Company and Roush Clean Tech to offer propane-powered Type C school buses. We have continued to lead the industry with this offering. • We launched the industry's first .05g/bhp-hr NOx propane engine in 2017. This engine operates four times cleaner than the current emission standard and is significantly better for the environment than competitors' published offerings. • We launched the industry's first .02g/bhp-hr NOx propane engine in August 2018. This engine complies with Ultra Low NOx classification and has an emissions level at 10% of the current standard and competitive offerings. • CNG — Blue Bird was the first OEM to introduce a CNG powertrain for the Rear Engine Type D bus using Cummins Westport technology. In 2016, we launched a new CNG product using a Ford engine and transmission and a Roush Clean Tech fuel delivery system to provide CNG in a Type C bus. • Electric — Blue Bird is the first major school bus manufacturer to market, and presently the only manufacturer among major OEMs, to have delivered electric school buses. We developed our electric bus with our partner, EDI. EDI was recently acquired by Cummins, one of our long-standing engine suppliers. We offer electric solutions in both our Type C and Type D buses and commenced delivery to customers in 2018. • Gasoline — In 2016, we re-introduced gasoline engines in school buses, again using a Ford engine and transmission and a Roush Clean Tech fuel delivery. This product has been an immediate success and continues to grow the Blue Bird customer base. <p>2. Diesel — Blue Bird works closely with Cummins on diesel engines which continue to be the power source for the majority of school buses sold.</p> <p>3. Product Initiatives — We continue to update and improve our products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Bird introduced the first Electronic Stability Control system on school buses as an optional offering in fiscal 2017, and made it a standard feature in fiscal 2019. We also made rear-view cameras standard in fiscal 2019. <p>4. Manufacturing and Process Initiatives — We have commenced a number of initiatives to continue to build customer loyalty, reduce costs, and enhance competitiveness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We launched our all-new, state-of-the-art paint facility in July 2019. This facility will drive greater reliability, quality, and capacity at a lower cost. • We contracted with industry leaders to revise our production techniques in our plant.
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38	Describe any "green" initiatives that relate to your company or to your products or services, and include a list of the certifying agency for each.	<p>All emission levels mentioned below are certified by CARB (California Air Resources Board) and/or EPA (Environmental Protection Agency).</p> <p>As mentioned above in Line Item 37:</p> <p>Alternative Fuel Initiatives — Blue Bird is the clear leader in alternative fuel school buses (defined as buses that do not operate on diesel fuel) and we continue to introduce new products to support growing consumer demand for these products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propane — In 2012, we entered into our exclusive relationship with Ford Motor Company and Roush Clean Tech to offer propane-powered Type C school buses. We have continued to lead the industry with this offering. • We launched the industry's first .05g/bhp-hr NOx propane engine in 2017. This engine operates four times cleaner than the current emission standard and is significantly better for the environment than competitors' published offerings. • We launched the industry's first .02g/bhp-hr NOx propane engine in August 2018. This engine complies with Ultra Low NOx classification and has an emissions level at 10% of the current standard and competitive offerings. • CNG — Blue Bird was the first OEM to introduce a CNG powertrain for the Rear Engine Type D bus using Cummins Westport technology. In 2016, we launched a new CNG product using a Ford engine and transmission and a Roush Clean Tech fuel delivery system to provide CNG in a Type C bus. • Electric — Blue Bird is the first major school bus manufacturer to market, and presently the only manufacturer among major OEMs, to have delivered electric school buses. We developed our electric bus with our partner, EDI. EDI was recently acquired by Cummins, one of our long-standing engine suppliers. We offer electric solutions in both our Type C and Type D buses and commenced delivery to customers in 2018.
39	Identify any third-party issued eco-labels, ratings or certifications that your company has received for the equipment or products included in your Proposal related to energy efficiency or conservation, life-cycle design (cradle-to-cradle), or other green/sustainability factors.	<p>Zero Emission Vehicle - Blue Bird is the first major school bus manufacturer to market, and presently the only manufacturer among major OEMs, to have delivered electric school buses. We developed our electric bus with our partner, EDI. EDI was recently acquired by Cummins, one of our long-standing engine suppliers. We offer electric solutions in both our Type C and Type D buses and commenced delivery to customers in 2018.</p> <p>Ultra Low NOx certification - We launched the industry's first .02g/bhp-hr NOx propane engine in August 2018. This engine complies with Ultra Low NOx classification and has an emissions level at 10% of the current standard and competitive offerings.</p>
40	Describe any Women or Minority Business Entity (WMBE), Small Business Entity (SBE), or veteran owned business certifications that your company or hub partners have obtained. Upload documentation of certification (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	<p>TVM DBE Goal Concurrence/Certification Letter (Fiscal Year 2020) has been provided in document upload section</p>

41	<p>What unique attributes does your company, your products, or your services offer to Sourcewell participating entities? What makes your proposed solutions unique in your industry as it applies to Sourcewell participating entities?</p>	<p>We are the only principal manufacturer with chassis and body production specifically designed for school bus applications and the only school bus company to offer compliance with industry recognized safety tests-Altoona Testing, Colorado Rack Test and the Kentucky Pole Test-as a standard specification across our entire product line.</p> <p>Colorado Rack and Kentucky Pole Tests were not invented by or exclusive to Blue Bird. Some will downplay the importance of these critical structural benefits and will fall back on compliance to Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. When transporting our most precious cargo, our children, Blue Bird does not settle for minimum construction standards. Both Colorado Rack and Kentucky Pole Tests were developed because minimum FMVSS standard testing, according to Blue Bird, should be taken a step further.</p> <p>Colorado Rack Test: The Colorado Rack test verifies structural integrity and crash-worthiness of school bus designs. The test simulates a rollover crash by applying a constant load along the full length of the bus body. This insures that all pushout windows and emergency exits will be fully functional after an accident occurs. Blue Bird feels it is essential that our buses are constructed to meet the Colorado Rack test standards, insuring safe exit in the event of a rollover crash. All Blue Bird buses are Kentucky Pole tested and designed to keep all passengers safe by providing structural integrity to minimize outside intrusion.</p> <p>Kentucky Pole Test: The Kentucky Pole test is designed to verify that the interior panels above the window will not separate and expose sharp edges in the event of a crash. The test involves a rollover simulation, in which the bus strikes a pole-like object, which forces the roof to bend into the passenger compartment. Standards require that separation of body panels must not occur when the roof bends between 8-10 inches. All Blue Bird buses are Kentucky Pole tested and designed to keep all passengers safe by providing structural integrity to minimize outside intrusion.</p> <p>As previously mentioned, we have the widest range of products and fuel types to best meet the needs of customer throughout the industry.</p>
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Table 9: Warranty

Describe in detail your manufacturer warranty program, including conditions and requirements to qualify, claims procedure, and overall structure. You may upload representative samples of your warranty materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response in addition to responding to the questions below.

Line Item	Question	Response *
42	Do your warranties cover all products, parts, and labor?	Our warranties cover all our products and include parts and labor, however, there are some components covered by the component manufacturer. Some examples of this are Cummins diesel engines and Allison transmissions which are covered by these companies. A copy of our standard warranty is provided in the document upload section.
43	Do your warranties impose usage restrictions or other limitations that adversely affect coverage?	Our warranty has limitations and exclusions that are detailed on our standard warranty statement which is provided in the document upload section.
44	Do your warranties cover the expense of technicians' travel time and mileage to perform warranty repairs?	Our Blue Bird standard warranties do not cover travel time and mileage, however, many of our dealers cover this expense within certain limits.
45	Are there any geographic regions of the United States (and Canada, if applicable) for which you cannot provide a certified technician to perform warranty repairs? How will Sourcewell participating entities in these regions be provided service for warranty repair?	Certified technicians are available in all geographic regions of the United States and Canada.
46	Will you cover warranty service for items made by other manufacturers that are part of your proposal, or are these warranties issues typically passed on to the original equipment manufacturer?	For those components that are not included in our standard warranty, our Blue Bird dealers can either perform warranty service for those components or can arrange for work to be performed at an authorized warranty repair center.
47	What are your proposed exchange and return programs and policies?	Blue Bird does not offer any exchange or return programs on buses. Any returns or exchanges will be negotiated directly between our dealers and the participating entity.
48	Describe any service contract options for the items included in your proposal.	We offer several service contract options to extend the standard warranty. These include contracts that extend our standard one-year warranty to two, three, five, or six years. We offer tow warranties to provide towing for up to 5 years. We also offer warranties on Roush gas, LPG, and CNG components that extend those warranties up to 10 years. A chart detailing extensions to our standard warranty is provided in the document upload section. Additional service contracts and pricing are provided in our options list.

Table 10: Payment Terms and Financing Options

Line Item	Question	Response *
49	What are your payment terms (e.g., net 10, net 30)?	The payment terms will be provided directly by the participating dealer when a quote is provided to a participating entity. Our dealers' payment terms range from COD to 60 days.
50	Do you provide leasing or financing options, especially those options that schools and governmental entities may need to use in order to make certain acquisitions?	Blue Bird has a partnership with TCF Capital Solutions to offer leasing and financing options through our dealer network. Our dealers also offer additional options for leasing and financing through 3rd party lending institutions. In addition, we recently developed a joint program with NCL Government Capital (a Sourcewell vendor) to offer a special 12-month deferred payment program to customers.
51	Briefly describe your proposed order process. Include enough detail to support your ability to report quarterly sales to Sourcewell as described in the Contract template. For example, indicate whether your dealer network is included in your response and whether each dealer (or some other entity) will process the Sourcewell participating entities' purchase orders.	Our dealer network will work directly with participating entities to finalize bus specifications and all other details relating to their bus order. Our dealers will process the participating entities purchase orders and place the bus orders through Blue Bird's online order entry system. We will develop a special option feature to designate the order as a Sourcewell order. We will develop a quarterly report to identify Sourcewell orders by dealer and customer to supply Sourcewell on a quarterly basis.
52	Do you accept the P-card procurement and payment process? If so, is there any additional cost to Sourcewell participating entities for using this process?	This would be a matter to be discussed between the Participating Entity and the Participating Dealer.

Table 11: Pricing and Delivery

Provide detailed pricing information in the questions that follow below. Keep in mind that reasonable price and product adjustments can be made during the term of an awarded Contract as described in the RFP, the template Contract, and the Sourcewell Price and Product Change Request Form.

Line Item	Question	Response *
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53	Describe your pricing model (e.g., line-item discounts or product-category discounts). Provide detailed pricing data (including standard or list pricing and the Sourcewell discounted price) on all of the items that you want Sourcewell to consider as part of your RFP response. If applicable, provide a SKU for each item in your proposal. Upload your pricing materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	With this bid proposal, we are providing base content, state-spec products for each market where we've identified a participating dealer. This pricing does not include shipping costs or sales tax (if applicable). Each state/province has its own unique specifications and therefore unique pricing structure. Discounts vary depending on product type, market, and specifications. In addition to these base configurations, we are providing our full list of Blue Bird installed options to allow customers to purchase any option combination that can be validated for their market as well as any fuel type including gasoline, diesel, propane, CNG, and electric (for those products where these options are available). Our option list consists of a list price and a Sourcewell price which is a discount off of list. Additional discounts are available and are generally considered for quantity buys, off-peak season buys, and higher option content buses. These additional discounts generally apply to the base configurations as well as options listed in the Blue Bird option list. To provide the Participating Entity the benefit of these available discounts, we direct our Participating Dealers to submit requests to Blue Bird for additional discount consideration. We will evaluate each quote independently and will return an approved discount and price point to the dealer for submission to the customer. In every case, this price will be as good as or better than the ceiling price provided in this bid. In addition to our available Blue Bird options, Participating Dealers may also offer dealer-installed or vendor-installed options. Those have been included in the pricing file. Those options may also carry an additional discount off of the installed price and, if so, will be detailed in the quote to the Participating Entity. If an option is requested which is not listed, the dealer will provide a quote for this option to the customer.	*
54	Quantify the pricing discount represented by the pricing proposal in this response. For example, if the pricing in your response represents a percentage discount from MSRP or list, state the percentage or percentage range.	The pricing discount off the base bus configuration ranges from 10%-15%. The pricing discount off the available Blue Bird options ranges from 0%-40%.	*
55	Describe any upcharge and/or discount structure that applies on a State-by-State or Province-by-Province basis for Sourcewell Participating Entities in the US or Canada. Upload relevant pricing materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	Base bus configurations provided are state/province specific and are noted as such in the pricing file. Each market has unique discounts and pricing which is primarily due to individual market conditions and option content levels.	*
56	Describe any quantity or volume discounts or rebate programs that you offer.	We offer additional discounts over what's provided in the base bid for quantity buys, off-peak season buys, or higher option content buses.	*
57	Propose a method of facilitating "sourced" products or related services, which may be referred to as "open market" items or "nonstandard options". For example, you may supply such items "at cost" or "at cost plus a percentage," or you may supply a quote for each such request.	Customers, from time to time, request options or brands that are not available as a Blue Bird factory-installed option. In that case, dealers have the ability to offer these options as dealer-installed or vendor-installed options. Many of these available options with installed pricing has been provided in the pricing file. For any requested option not listed, the dealer can provide a quote upon request.	*
58	Identify any element of the total cost of acquisition that is NOT included in the pricing submitted with your response. This includes all additional charges associated with a purchase that are not directly identified as freight or shipping charges. For example, list costs for items like pre-delivery inspection, installation, set up, mandatory training, or initial inspection. Identify any parties that impose such costs and their relationship to the Proposer.	The costs that are not included in the bid response include shipping cost (both from the factory to the dealer location and from the dealer location to the customer location), and any applicable sales tax. The shipping costs can vary by product type and location. The sales tax (if applicable) will vary by the transaction amount.	*

59	If freight, delivery, or shipping is an additional cost to the Sourcewell participating entity, describe in detail the complete freight, shipping, and delivery program.	Blue Bird contracts with a 3rd party delivery company for bus deliveries from the factory to the dealer. Before providing a final quote to the customer, the dealer requests a delivery estimate from Blue Bird to add to the price of the quote. This can vary by fuel type of the product and total distance traveled. In addition, the dealer will also incur a cost to transport the product from their location to the customer location. This can also vary by fuel type and total distance traveled.	*
60	Specifically describe freight, shipping, and delivery terms or programs available for Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, or any offshore delivery.	At the time of this bid submission, we are not providing bid prices for Hawaii and Alaska. If these markets are supported during the term of the contract, a price for shipping will be provided to the customer when the bus(s) are quoted. Unlike other U.S. markets, these will include cost to transport over water and will typically be much higher than typical shipping costs. Shipping to Canada is handled in the same manner as described in Line Item 59.	*
61	Describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in your proposal.	In addition to the unique shipping method for AK and HI mentioned above, there is also a unique method for electric-powered and CNG-powered buses. Because EV charging stations are not available throughout all areas of U.S. and Canada, these products are shipped on a flatbed truck and will have higher shipping costs which will be included in the final quote to the customer. CNG buses, due to similar fueling infrastructure limitations, may be shipped via flatbed for some portion of the delivery and may incur higher shipping costs which will be included in the final quote to the customer.	*

Table 12: Pricing Offered

Line Item	The Pricing Offered in this Proposal is: *	Comments
62	d. other than what the Proposer typically offers (please describe).	There are some markets where our dealers are listed on existing cooperative contracts. Typically, but not always, there is language prohibiting dealers selling below the contract price. For this reason, in some cases, our pricing will be the same or similar to pricing already established on those contracts. In other markets, pricing will be better or typical to what's offered today in that market.

Table 13: Audit and Administrative Fee

Line Item	Question	Response *
63	Specifically describe any self-audit process or program that you plan to employ to verify compliance with your proposed Contract with Sourcewell. This process includes ensuring that Sourcewell participating entities obtain the proper pricing, that the Vendor reports all sales under the Contract each quarter, and that the Vendor remits the proper administrative fee to Sourcewell.	All pricing requests submitted to Blue Bird by a Participating Dealer for a Participating Entity will require us to review the discounts and final proposed price. We will set up a process to identify these requests as a Sourcewell quote. We will insure that all Sourcewell quotes are priced at or below the contract price. We will track these quotes so we can identify any that become a customer order. We will then verify with dealers on a monthly basis all orders we've identified as Sourcewell orders. This will allow us to verify the correct pricing and reserve the Sourcewell fee for the quarterly payment, as well as collect all the customer detail as required in the reporting process.
64	Identify a proposed administrative fee that you will pay to Sourcewell for facilitating, managing, and promoting the Sourcewell Contract in the event that you are awarded a Contract. This fee is typically calculated as a percentage of Vendor's sales under the Contract or as a per-unit fee; it is not a line-item addition to the Member's cost of goods. (See the RFP and template Contract for additional details.)	We are proposing a per-unit fee of \$800 for all products sold under this contract.

Table 14A: Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment Products and Services

Line Item	Question	Response *
65	Provide a detailed description of the equipment, products, and services that you are offering in your proposal.	<p>In this bid proposal, we are including all bus types including Type A Micro Bird, Type C Vision, and Type D (Rear Engine and Front Engine). The Type A Micro Bird includes the G5 model on a Chevrolet 6.0l gas chassis. In the Type C and Type D, we are providing all bus lengths, passenger capacities, and fuel types. The fuel type options are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type C gas Type C diesel Type C propane Type C electric Type D-FE diesel Type D-RE diesel Type D-RE CNG Type D-RE electric
66	Within this RFP category there may be subcategories of solutions. List subcategory titles that best describe your products and services.	The subcategories would be considered our various bus types and fuel types as described above.

Table 14B: Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment Products and Services

Indicate below if the listed school bus type is offered within your proposal and, for each available bus type, the engine or power alternatives that you offer within the type. Provide additional comments in the text box provided, as necessary.

Line Item	Bus Type	Offered *	Engine - Gas & Diesel *	Engine - CNG or Propane *	Engine - Hybrid or Alt Fuel *	Electric Powered *	Comments
67	Type A School Bus	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Type A is being offered in a gas model. We will add additional Type A fuel types during the term of the contract.
68	Type C School Bus	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	In this proposal, are base Type C configurations are in gas or diesel, depending on the market, and we include the options to configure our Type C in any of the following fuel types: gas, diesel, propane, or electric.
69	Type D School Bus	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	In this proposal, we offer a Type D-Rear Engine in diesel with options to upgrade to CNG or Electric. We are also offering a Type D-Front Engine in a diesel.
70	School Activity Bus	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Activity buses are offered in both Type C, Type D-Rear Engine, and Type D-Front Engine in the fuel types mentioned in the individual product categories in line items 68 & 69.

Table 15: Industry Specific Questions

Line Item	Question	Response *
71	If you are awarded a contract, provide a few examples of internal metrics that will be tracked to measure whether you are having success with the contract.	<p>Some of the metrics that will be tracked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of dealers selling products on the Sourcewell contract vs. a year ago. - Total number of units sold on the Sourcewell contract vs. a year ago. - Number of repeat customers who utilized this contract vs. a year ago - Number of new customers who utilized this contract vs. a year ago
72	Describe the safety features and innovations incorporated in the manufacturing of your buses that impact student safety.	<p>First, we pride ourselves on having the safest bus on the road today. We build our buses to the highest standard of safety, exceeding the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard. In our mind, safety is not an option; it is the most important and fundamental attribute of a school bus. Every Blue Bird bus is certified to meet the rigorous testing requirements of Colorado Rack and Kentucky Pole certification. These tests are designed to recreate impact scenarios that are only faced in the worst accident situations, such as rollovers and massive impacts, and ensure the maximum protection for the onboard passengers. Children's safety is our business, that's why we build additional strengthening into every Blue Bird bus - standard practice for us, but optional equipment for our competitors.</p> <p>Second, we don't build a chassis for use in both truck and school bus applications, as we believe that could be a compromised solution. Others do that, but we don't. We provide a purpose-built school bus from the ground up, with safety and reliability top of mind. As such, our bus is full of unique features - from the steep rake of our hood that ensures best-in-class forward vision for the driver, to the extensive use of special fasteners that never need torquing throughout the life of the bus. That's safety built-in!</p> <p>Third, we care about the environment and the future of our planet and will continue to invest in innovation that provides a cleaner world for our children. Our leadership in alternative fuels is a testament to this - with our top 10 dealers alone, the propane buses they sold in 2019 reduced NOx emissions by over 1.2 million pounds! What's more, our exclusive propane buses are certified to NOx levels at one tenth of the EPA's and our competitors' standard. With over 40% growth in our propane bus sales last year, our message is being heard - with Blue Bird propane, you can have the safest, cleanest and lowest-cost-of-ownership of any bus in the market. But that's not all. In 2019, we launched the most extensive range of zero-emission, electric-powered school buses in North America covering all body styles, and have secured over 200 orders to date. We believe in providing innovative products that are both affordable and safe.</p>
73	Identify any bus types, models, configurations, or engine/power alternatives that are not yet available in your bus offerings but that are scheduled to be released during the anticipated term of the Sourcewell contract.	Blue Bird offers the widest range of bus types and fuel types of any school bus manufacturer. We are the only manufacturer to offer electric power in Type A, Type C, and Type D. At this time, we are not announcing any new planned product offerings for the near future but are continuously researching new products and features that meets the emerging demands of our school bus customers.
74	Describe any options, accessories, supplies, parts, and services that you are proposing that are not described in any other section of your response. Upload relevant pricing materials (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	Not applicable

Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form

Only those Proposer Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications that have been accepted by Sourcewell have been incorporated into the contract text.

Documents

Ensure your submission document(s) conforms to the following:

1. Documents in PDF format are preferred. Documents in Word, Excel, or compatible formats may also be provided.
2. Documents should NOT have a security password, as Sourcewell may not be able to open the file. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that the uploaded document(s) are not either defective, corrupted or blank and that the documents can be opened and viewed by Sourcewell.
3. Sourcewell may reject any response where any document(s) cannot be opened and viewed by Sourcewell.
4. If you need to upload more than one (1) document for a single item, you should combine the documents into one zipped file. If the zipped file contains more than one (1) document, ensure each document is named, in relation to the submission format item responding to. For example, if responding to the Marketing Plan category save the document as "Marketing Plan."
 - [Financial Strength and Stability](#) - Blue Bird_Annual Report_Fiscal Year 2019.pdf - Saturday June 27, 2020 14:14:28
 - [Marketing Plan/Samples](#) - Marketing.zip - Saturday June 27, 2020 14:14:46
 - [WMBE/MBE/SBE or Related Certificates](#) - Blue Bird Body Company_ FY2020 DBE Goal Concurrence Letter.pdf - Saturday June 27, 2020 14:14:57
 - [Warranty Information](#) - Warranty.zip - Saturday June 27, 2020 14:15:10
 - [Pricing](#) - Pricing.zip - Tuesday June 30, 2020 11:23:01
 - Additional Document (optional)

Proposer's Affidavit

PROPOSER AFFIDAVIT AND ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that I am the authorized representative of the Proposer submitting the foregoing Proposal with the legal authority to bind the Proposer to this Affidavit and Assurance of Compliance:

1. The Proposer is submitting this Proposal under its full and complete legal name, and the Proposer legally exists in good standing in the jurisdiction of its residence.
2. The Proposer warrants that the information provided in this Proposal is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for contract award.
3. The Proposer, including any person assisting with the creation of this Proposal, has arrived at this Proposal independently and the Proposal has been created without colluding with any other person, company, or parties that have or will submit a proposal under this solicitation; and the Proposal has in all respects been created fairly without any fraud or dishonesty. The Proposer has not directly or indirectly entered into any agreement or arrangement with any person or business in an effort to influence any part of this solicitation or operations of a resulting contract; and the Proposer has not taken any action in restraint of free trade or competitiveness in connection with this solicitation. Additionally, if Proposer has worked with a consultant on the Proposal, the consultant (an individual or a company) has not assisted any other entity that has submitted or will submit a proposal for this solicitation.
4. To the best of its knowledge and belief, and except as otherwise disclosed in the Proposal, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational conflict of interest. An organizational conflict of interest exists when a vendor has an unfair competitive advantage or the vendor's objectivity in performing the contract is, or might be, impaired.
5. The contents of the Proposal have not been communicated by the Proposer or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or legally authorized agent of the Proposer and will not be communicated to any such persons prior to Due Date of this solicitation.
6. If awarded a contract, the Proposer will provide to Sourcewell Participating Entities the equipment, products, and services in accordance with the terms, conditions, and scope of a resulting contract.
7. The Proposer possesses, or will possess before delivering any equipment, products, or services, all applicable licenses or certifications necessary to deliver such equipment, products, or services under any resulting contract.
8. The Proposer agrees to deliver equipment, products, and services through valid contracts, purchase orders, or means that are acceptable to Sourcewell Members. Unless otherwise agreed to, the Proposer must provide only new and first-quality products and related services to Sourcewell Members under an awarded Contract.
9. The Proposer will comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules, and orders.
10. The Proposer understands that Sourcewell will reject RFP proposals that are marked "confidential" (or "nonpublic," etc.), either substantially or in their entirety. Under Minnesota Statutes Section 13.591, subdivision 4, all proposals are considered nonpublic data until the evaluation is complete and a Contract is awarded. At that point, proposals become public data. Minnesota Statutes Section 13.37 permits only certain narrowly defined data to be considered a "trade secret," and thus nonpublic data under Minnesota's Data Practices Act.
11. Proposer its employees, agents, and subcontractors are not:
 - a. Included on the "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" list maintained by the Office of Foreign

Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury found at:
<https://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/sdnlist.pdf>;

- b. Included on the government-wide exclusions lists in the United States System for Award Management found at:
<https://www.sam.gov/portal/3>; or
- c. Presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from programs operated by the State of Minnesota; the United States federal government or the Canadian government, as applicable; or any Participating Entity. Vendor certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals have been convicted of a criminal offense related to the subject matter of this solicitation.

By checking this box I acknowledge that I am bound by the terms of the Proposer's Affidavit, have the legal authority to submit this Proposal on behalf of the Proposer, and that this electronic acknowledgment has the same legal effect, validity, and enforceability as if I had hand signed the Proposal. This signature will not be denied such legal effect, validity, or enforceability solely because an electronic signature or electronic record was used in its formation. - Albert Burleigh, Regional Executive Director, Blue Bird Body Company

The Proposer declares that there is an actual or potential Conflict of Interest relating to the preparation of its submission, and/or the Proposer foresees an actual or potential Conflict of Interest in performing the contractual obligations contemplated in the bid.

Yes No

The Bidder acknowledges and agrees that the addendum/addenda below form part of the Bid Document.

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